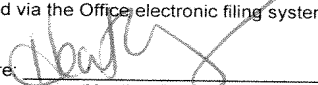


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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Madam:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed March 31, 2009, Applicants hereby provisionally elect the claims of Group I, i.e., claims 1-16 and 19-38, for continued examination. In response to the Office's requirement for election of species, Applicants elect SEQ ID NO: 7. Claims 1-4, 7-11, 14-16, 19-21, 24, 27, 30-32, and 35-38 read on the elected species. Applicants respectfully traverse the requirement for restriction for the reasons set forth below.

The Restriction Requirement

The Examiner has required restriction among the following groups of claims:

I. Claims 1-16 and 19-38, drawn to an anti-NF- κ B-inducing kinase (NIK) antibody, a hybridoma producing the antibody, a preparation comprising the antibody, and a pharmaceutical composition comprising the antibody.